



**MINUTES OF
ALAMEDA YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING FOR October 13, 2009**



DATE: Tuesday, October 13, 2009
TIME: 5:07 p.m.
PLACE: Room 360, City Hall, corner of Santa Clara Avenue and Oak Street,
Alameda, CA 94501

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Anjuli Sastry, Vice-Chairperson Bhaani Singh, Commissioners Lamont Carter, Jordan Flores, Ellen Hui, McCaulay Singer Milnes, and Angela Sterling-Vick.

Absent: Commissioner Hannah Bowman

Staff: Patrick Russi, Recreation Supervisor (RS)
Andy Wong, Teen Coordinator (TC)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of September 8, 2009, Youth Advisory Commission Meeting

M/S/C Flores / Singh (Unanimously Approved)

“That the Minutes of September 8, 2009 Youth Advisory Commission meeting are approved.”

Approved (7): Chairperson Sastry, Vice Chairperson Singh, Carter, Flores, Hui, Singer Milnes,
and Sterling-Vick.

Absent (1): Commissioner Bowman

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA

None

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. New Business

**A. Presentation of Draft Alameda Bike Plan - by Barry Bergman, Transportation Coordinator,
City of Alameda Public Works Department**
(Discussion / Action Item)

T/C Wong informed the Youth Advisory Commission that review of the Draft of Alameda Bike Plan has been postponed until Public Works has more information.

B. Updating Youth Commission Member Contact Information.

(Discussion / Action Item)

T/C Wong requested the Youth Commissioners to review and update their information on the contact list. T/C also reminded the Youth Commission to respond to e-mails or return phones promptly when requested or needed. Once the contact list is updated T/C Wong will forward it to the Youth Commissioners.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Discussion / Action Item)

A. Updates on Alameda Child Youth Development Survey and Focus Group. (Discussion / Action Item) Carter, Sastry, Singh

Chairperson Sastry reported on the Focus Group meeting which was held on September 28th at the Veterans Building with Jeanne Kettles. Discussion was held regarding: participation in the community, service learning, community service for youth, where to get those experiences, and barriers to receiving community services.

B. Establish a “Priority List” and Short Term Goals for 2009-2010.

Vice Chairperson Singh stated that she spoke to the Board of Education (BOE) about the Alameda Youth Advisory Commission (AYAC) on the following: Formation of the Youth Advisory Commission, past accomplishments, and current focus on teen issues. Vice Chair Singh stated the Youth Commission is working on a list of projects / priorities for the Commission. She asked if the BOE has any suggestions on what they would like the Youth Commission to review regarding teens and invited the BOE to the Youth Advisory Commission meetings.

Community Service Opportunities for Teens - Commissioner Singer Milnes suggested better access for teen volunteers to find organizations in need of teen volunteers in Alameda. Possibly have AYAC update a list of current organizations that offer volunteer opportunities / hours for teens as a resource guide. Commissioner Vick will chair the subcommittee with the assistance from Commissioners Singer Milnes and Hui.

M/S/C Carter / Singer Milnes (Unanimously Approved)

“To create a sub committee to work on reviewing and updating the Alameda Unified School District’s Community Service Handbook/Graduation Requirement.”

Approved (7): Chairperson Sastry, Vice Chairperson Singh, Commissioners Carter, Flores, Hui, Singer Milnes, and Sterling-Vick.

Absent (1): Commissioner Bowman

Alameda Youth Speaks – Vice Chair Singh would like to see the AYAC at all “Alameda Youth Speaks” meetings to listen in on what other youths are addressing when speaking to Alameda Police Chief Tibbet. These meetings are held three to four times a year with the Alameda Police Department. Teens speak freely on matters regarding police procedures, safety in and around Alameda schools, and the City. Since AYAC is attending these meetings, information can be included in the Youth Master Plan.

M/S/C Flores / Hui (Unanimously Approved)

“To have a Youth Commissioner attend the Alameda Youth Speaks and report back to AYAC.”

Approved (7): Chairperson Sastry, Vice Chairperson Singh, Commissioners Carter, Flores, Hui,

Absent (1): Singer Milnes, and Sterling-Vick.
Commissioner Bowman

Review Youth Master Plan – Chair Sastry stated that the Commission should review local cities Youth Master Plan. R/S Russi stated that gathering information by contacting local community organizations to find out their goals and objectives, and their mission within Alameda, can be the first and manageable step for preparing a Master Plan. Russi also stated that developing a plan can be long and expensive, especially now in this economic state. T/C Wong also stated that a Youth Master Plan can take years but it's a manageable step. Commissioner Carter said surveys and creating focus groups targeting Alameda Teens are needed. **Discussion to be continued / no action taken.**

Collaboration with Alameda Youth Committee (AYC) - Commissioner Carter suggested working with the Committee to collaborate or co-sponsor future events. **Discussion to be continued / no action taken.**

Teen Job Search Workshop - Commissioners Sterling-Vick, Carter, and Hui suggested continuing supporting the Teen Job Search Skills Workshop by adding another topic of "Financial Education." **Discussion to be continued / no action taken.**

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

T/C Wong requested that AYAC promote and recruit more applicants for Youth Commissioners from their schools. He stressed that freshmen and sophomores should be highly encouraged to apply.

T/C Wong reminded and invited the AYAC to attend the Teen Haunted House Event taking place on October, 23rd, 24th, 25th at the Veterans Building.

T/C Wong requested that the Youth Commission assist with the Howl-O-Ween Costume Contest & Pet Parade event on Sunday, Oct. 25th at the Small Dog Park (Lower Washington Park). Commissioner Flores volunteered to assist and will report back to the Commission.

8. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, November 10, 2009; 5:00 PM (City Hall, Room 360)

9. Adjournment 6:11 PM